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GOULD'S ACADEMY

May 3rd Gould's Academy plays their first home game, opening their home season with Dixfield High School. Season tickets will be on sale April 28th. These tickets can be obtained from any of the students. The game May 3rd will be called at 3.15.

On Patriot's Day Gould's Academy played a fast nine representing the town. The game resulted in an easy victory for Gould's. It was featured by the heavy hitting of the Gould's bunch including a home run by York and triples by Philbrook and Chapman.

The Girls' Chorus, organized last term, is preparing for a concert to be held sometime in May. The officers of the organization are as follows: President—Neva Humphrey Secretary—Dorothy Goodnow Accompanist—Eunice Smith Director—Charles L. Pollard

The faculty, the Boys Glee Club and a few friends were guests of Mr. Pollard at Bethel Inn on Friday evening of last week. Dancing, games and delicious refreshments helped to make an evening of delightful sociability. The members of the Glee Club, in whose honor the party was given, fully appreciate the courteous hospitality of Mr. Pollard.

The Y. W. C. A. has elected the following officers for the coming year: President—Dorothy Goodnow Vice-President—Shirley Brooks Secretary—Louise Shordon Treasurer—C. Kimball Chairman of Program Committee—Avis Cottrell Chairman of Social Committee—Eunice Smith Chairman of Music Committee—Doris Goodnow Chairman of Missionary Committee—Ella Hanscom

The following is the schedule for the baseball team for the season of 1922: Apr. 22—Norway at Norway Apr. 29—Gorham at Gorham Apr. 29—Mechanic Falls at Mechanic Falls

May 3—Dixfield at Bethel May 6—South Paris at South Paris May 10—Gorham at Bethel May 13—Norway at Bethel May 17—Town Team at Bethel May 19—Fryeburg at Fryeburg May 24—South Paris at Bethel May 27—Dixfield at Dixfield May 31—Fryeburg at Bethel June 7—Alumni

Saturday, Gould's playing its first inter school game met defeat at the hands of Norway High. The loss was rather a surprise as Gould's looked to have the stronger team and held the lead for the greater part of the game. From the second to the seventh the score stood at two to one in favor of Gould's with the Gould's team playing errorless ball and Bartlett pitching a fine game. The lucky seventh proved lucky for Norway. An error put a man on base and the Gould's team went to pieces. Several more errors combined with walks and base hits as the Norway boys raced around the paths. Inman was called in to pitch and at last the side was retired but six runs had been scored. Gould's scored in the next inning but Norway came back with two more runs and Gould's was unable to register in the final frame. The score:

GOULD'S	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Jackson, 2b,	3	1	2	2	4	
Parrott, cf,	3	1	1	0	1	
York, 1b,	4	0	2	0	0	
Chapman, ss,	4	0	3	1	4	
G. Philbrook, 3b,	4	1	2	0	1	
Bartlett, p, 1f,	4	0	1	1	0	
D. Philbrook, c,	3	0	0	12	2	
Jaman, 1f, p,	3	0	1	0	0	
Linnell, rf,	3	0	0	0	0	
Kiley,	1	0	1	0	0	

NORWAY	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.	e.
Nevers, 2b,	6	1	3	2	3	
Palmer, ss,	6	2	3	1	2	
Kimball, c,	3	1	0	3	1	
Allen, 3b,	6	0	1	2	0	
King, 1b,	3	0	0	13	1	
Noble, rf,	4	1	1	1	0	
Brown, 1f,	2	0	2	0	0	
Dyer, cf,	4	1	2	0	0	
Millett, p,	4	1	2	0	3	

NOTICE

I wish to announce that I shall be a candidate for Postmaster, when the proper time arrives, and will appreciate any assistance my friends and patrons at Bethel Post Office may give me.

J. B. HUTCHINGS

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

WAR SCANDALS NOT WANTED

Representatives Johnson of South Dakota and Woodruff of Michigan, ex-service men, are persistent in their demands that Congress should make a wholesale investigation of alleged fraudulent war contracts. There has been an evident purpose in both the Senate and House to squelch all such attempts. It will be recalled that at the close of the war there was a huge outcry over the millions wasted in aircraft. A few months ago the Government caused the arrest of Charles W. Morse and some of his associates, who had been engaged in ship-building. The Morse case has not yet been brought to trial.

The two Congressmen who are pressing matters at this time seek to uncover the transactions of the Allen Property Custodian. The sale of the Bosch Magneto Company and the activities of the Chemical Foundation Company have been pointed out as particularly rich prospects in official scandal. The connection of the former Allen Property Custodian, Palmer and Garvin, with these matters, has been the subject for endless criticism, and attempts have been made to air the matters in the Senate and House. But Congress has been unresponsive regarding all post mortems concerning the war.

The legislative bodies have taken the position that the executive branches of the Government, particularly the Department of Justice, should handle the cases, and make wholesale arrests, if there are as many "war crooks" as one hears about in Washington. Congress is a particularly busy organization, and the attention of both Houses is riveted on stupendous Governmental problems. It is only when business is dull that Congress takes kindly to holding "investigations." Doubtless the old saw that "there can be no great smoke arise, but there must be some fire," can be applied to the activities of Congressmen Johnson and Woodruff. Even so, Congress is likely to "duck" the responsibility that these well-meaning Congressmen are trying to impose on it.

THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

Russia has one of the finest Embassies in the National Capital. Although Russian diplomacy is about as popular as a hair shirt with the American Administration, its Ambassador lives in the heart of the town and in the "spot of light," Senator Borah "startled something" when he issued a summons for Ambassador Bakhmeteff to testify regarding his knowledge of General Semenov, the Russian Cossack, whose entrance into this country has stirred up a storm of protest. Bakhmeteff claimed immunity, and the State Department supported him in his refusal. This particular Russian Ambassador arrived in Washington under the regime of Kerensky. He is handsome, some say clever—and he cut a big dash in the part he played in "saving Russia," following the flight of the Czar. Although the Kerensky government ceased five years ago, Bakhmeteff has held on. When his title was challenged, Secretary of State Hughes protected him. Bakhmeteff isn't much of an Ambassador, but Mr. Hughes says he represents Russia—and according to all precedents, that should settle it. The present Soviet government of Russia disclaims Bakhmeteff, and might hang him if he went home. But Mr. Hughes recognizes Bakhmeteff and doesn't recognize Russia, and ordinarily that would protect the sacred Ambassadorial position. "Even if Mr. Bakhmeteff was once an Ambassador," says Mr. Borah, "when he begins to counsel and harbor a murderer it is time to terminate whatever status he may have had or may have."

FIXING IT UP WITH MEXICO

"There has been no change in the policy which this Government has laid down in regard to Mexico." This is the phrase that succeeded "watchful waiting." And just as people wondered and wondered about "watchful waiting," so have they wondered about the "no change" episode. Ah! But there is light upon the shadows, and it all turns out that the United States is negotiating "a treaty of amity and commerce" with Mexico. When it is signed, sealed and delivered in Mexico City and Washington, relations between the two countries will be automatically resumed. The Washington explanations are to the effect that our Government will not seek to humiliate Mexico by making that Government give us assurances in writing that American rights and American citizens will be respected and that the Mexican Government will observe the rules of international law.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. D. C. Conroy is in Boston this week on business.

Mrs. D. H. Spearin has been visiting relatives and friends in Portland.

Mrs. Harry Lyon and children were guests of Mrs. R. R. Tibbotts, Thursday.

Mrs. Fred Chandler of Auburn was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Friday.

Rev. C. B. Oliver is to be the new minister at the Methodist church for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Moore and little daughter were guests of her parents in Rumford over the week end.

Miss Mary Chapman, who has spent the winter in Portland, is the guest of Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herrick.

Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mason at West Bethel, Sunday.

Miss Ethel Bennett and Miss Gladys Jenner returned Monday from a few days spent in Mechanic Falls and Dixfield.

Mrs. Lennie Howe and Miss Gertrude Bailey, who have been spending the winter in No. Carolina, have returned to Bethel.

Rev. C. L. Wheaton, who has been pastor of the Methodist church here during the past year, has been transferred to Conway, N. H.

Mrs. Francetta Purlington and Miss Belle Purlington have returned home from Massachusetts, where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson and Mr. N. E. Richardson, who have been in North Carolina this winter, returned to Bethel the last of the week.

Mrs. E. C. Park returned from Boston, Monday. While there Mrs. Park and her daughter, Muriel, were guests of Malcolm R. Bean, a senior at Boston University Law School. They attended several social functions given by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

On Friday night Mrs. Park was one of the patronesses at the fraternity dance given at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Miss Muriel returned to her school at South Paris, Monday.

Friends of Robert D. Hanscom will be pleased to note the following, which we copy from the Lewiston Journal:

The final trials for the Stanley Plummer Prize Speaking Contest were held in Memorial Hall, Bowdoin College, Thursday evening under the supervision of Professor William H. Davis of the English Department. Only members of the junior class may compete for the prize which is offered for excellence in original and spoken composition in the English language. The following men were chosen to take part in the final: Harvey P. Bishop, Brunswick; Theodore W. Cousins, Kennebunk; Capt. Hubert V. Davis, New York City; Robert D. Hanscom, Bethel; Robert B. Love, Danforth; Walter W. Poore, East Hiram; Alternates, Herbert C. Webb, Bangor.

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WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To D. M. Forbes, a citizen of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford, State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Odeon Hall, in said Town, on Thursday, the 27th day of April, 1922, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To designate the location for the schoolhouse and requisite buildings at West Bethel, so-called, in said Bethel, authorized to be built by vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

Art. 3. To designate the location for the schoolhouse and requisite buildings at South Bethel, so-called, in said Bethel, authorized to be built by vote of the town at the last annual meeting.

Hereof, fall not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon. Given under our hands this 18th day of April, 1922.

FRANK A. BROWN,
W. H. THURSTON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

A true copy—Attest:
D. M. FORBES.

4-27-22

DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS

The President of the State Association of Daughters of Veterans would like to organize a Tent of Daughters of Veterans in Bethel.

Daughters, granddaughters and great granddaughters are eligible to membership. Any of those thus eligible, who are willing to become members, if they will write to the President, Mrs. Rose Minott, Lewiston, 104 Ash St., will assist the President, and help themselves to a very pleasant and patriotic friendship with others, who share in the memories and sacrifices of the days of the Civil War. J. H. Little, Dep't of Maine, G. A. R.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ODEON HALL

On Friday evening, May 5, there will be an entertainment and dance under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Sessions for the benefit of the Universalist Ladies' Circle. The name of the play is "The Scroggins Divorce Case," with the following cast of characters:

Judge, Quirk, lawyer, James Hutchins
Quiz, foreman of the jury, Grover Brooks

Witnesses, Walter Inman
Blaphaet Scroggins, Nahum Moore
Resolute Scroggins, Daisy Bryant
Martha Snapper, Cassie Thurston
Melinda J. Meda, Elizabeth Garay
Sally Scroggins, Gladys Jenner
Algernon Styles, Elmer Bean
Parson, Pray Wright, Irving Carver
Sam Simple, Chester Howe
Polly Pry, Ada Durell

Shaw's Orchestra of South Paris will furnish music for the entertainment and dance. Tickets, 35c; children 25c. Dance tickets 50c per couple. Refreshments will be on sale during the evening. Doors open at seven o'clock, entertainment at eight o'clock sharp.

Your chance to hear this divorce case which has been talked about for a few weeks, also your chance to have a few hours of dancing.

Come and have a pleasant evening. Tickets on sale at L. M. Stearns' and D. G. Brooks'.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Twentieth Century Club, consisting of the members of the Senior Class at Gould's Academy, gave a reception and social to the students and their friends at the William Bingham Gymnasium last Wednesday evening.

The hall was most charmingly decorated with the class colors, coral and white, and the stage was set off with a row of evergreens.

The receiving party, consisting of Professor and Mrs. Hanscom, Miss Nellie L. Whitman and Mrs. E. C. Park, stood upon a rug placed in a grove of miniature pines. The program included a number of dances and some lively games. Miss Carrie Wight contributed one of her favorite readings, Misses Bennett and Brinck sang a duet with good tone and expression, and Misses Smith and Brooks, in costume, sang an amusing comedy skit, "Romeo and Juliette."

At the regular meeting of Purity Chapter, O. E. S., an interesting evening is promised.

An old fashioned Lyceum will be held under the direction of the entertainment committee. The program will consist of readings, music, original poems and local hits. The question for discussion will be one of vital interest for all up to date men and women. Some of the talented and brilliant members will argue this stirring problem and the audience will be given opportunity to state their views. The rebuttal of this debate is bound to be moving and eloquent.

The time will be about 8.30 at Masonic Hall, and each member is privileged to invite one guest.

NOTICE

There will be a public whist party at Grange Hall, Friday evening, April 28, at eight o'clock. Admission 25c. For the benefit of the Grange.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of Riverside Cemetery Association will be held at the home of the President, Mr. E. M. Walker, at Bethel, Me., Saturday, May 6, 1922, at 3 P. M., to elect officers for the ensuing year and to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order
H. N. UPTON, Secretary.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of Bethel Library Association for the election of officers and the transaction of all other necessary business will be held at the library room on Monday evening, May 1st, at half after seven o'clock.

Per order
M. C. HERRICK,
Sec'y pro tem.

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE

April 20th Bethel Grange met for its regular session. The ladies served supper as usual. The Master called to order in due season. Opened in form. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Lecturer presented the following program:

Song, Grange
Birds, Mrs. Kendall
Discussion on Birds in which several of the members participated

Piano Solo, Mrs. Chapman
Poem, Mrs. Anna Kimball
Reading, Mrs. Roy Bennett
Duet, encore, Mr. and Mrs. Brinck

Discussion on Grange papers

The surprise feature was much enjoyed; 5 doughnuts were hung in front of the stage and with bow and arrows each one tried to hit them.

There were 30 members and 3 visitors present.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE

Bear River Grange met Saturday evening with all officers present except the Treasurer. After the regular business the special committee for "Patriotic Night," Sister Sarah Stearns and Sister Hastings presented the following program:

Opening Song, Grange
Anecdote, Cora Davis
Reading, Sarah Stearns
Question: What portion of your living do you get from your farm? Opened by S. P. Davis, followed by others

Chip Basket
Reading, Ida Wight
Tableau, "Star Spangled Banner"

Tableau and Reading, "Betty Ross and the First Flag," by Mrs. Hastings and Nellie Chapman

Closing Song, America

There were 41 members and 2 visitors present.

The Worthy Lecturer announced the next meeting, May 6, would be "Mother's Night," Committee in charge, Ida Wight, Pearl Kilgore and Selma McPherson. Candy and peanuts were served.

CANTON GRANGE

Canton Grange observed Educational Day Saturday and the meeting was open to the public in the afternoon, the schools and teachers attending. In the forenoon two musical selections were given by the young people and two vocal solos by Rev. F. M. Lamb. A fine program was given in the afternoon by the grade schools, which opened with piano solo, Elva Hall

Exercises, Primary School
Recitation, Bessie Sanborn
Dialogue, "Our Examination Day,"

Song, Grade VII
Exercises, Grades V and VI
Recitation, Grades III and IV
Song, Busie Walker

"The Days of the Week,"
Song, Grades V and VI
Recitation, Grades III and IV
Dialogue, "The Train to Mauro,"

Song, Mary Mongillo, Rosin Mongilla, Amos Hodge

The speaker of the day was Supt. F. H. Bate who gave one of his excellent talks which was listened to with interest. The program closed with singing of "America."

Canton Grange has received an invitation to be present at the dedication of the Grange Hall at Livermore on May 6th.

New Century Pomona Grange will meet with Swift River Grange, Mexico, on May 10th, when the dedication of their hall will take place.

GLEE CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MR. C. L. POLLARD

Mr. Charles L. Pollard gave an informal dance to the members of the Glee Club and their friends at Bethel last Friday evening, being assisted in receiving by Professor and Mrs. Hanscom and members of the faculty.

The guests were Messrs. Harold Bennett, Edward Hanscom, Clarence Philbrook, Rodney Bartlett, Taylor Clough, Rodney Linnell and Thomas Crosby; Misses Margaret Hanscom, Vivian Wight, Dorothy Goodnow, Hilda Brooks, Neva Humphrey and Ruth Emery; also Mr. and Mrs. Upson, Rev. and Mrs. Achenbach and Mrs. Wilson G. Crosby.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Farm Bureau Association have arranged to hold the annual meeting of the Association at East Sumner Grange Hall, Thursday, May 4, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Special speakers have been secured for the event. M. D. Jones, Farm Management Demonstrator of the Agricultural Extension Service, will give a talk relative to the influence of management on profits; and R. E. Talbot, State Extension Instructor in Dairying, will discuss the eleven months' records of the Association and bring out points bearing on the improvement of the herd through a study of the records.

The various members of the association have sent in their yearly herd books to the Farm Bureau office at So. Paris, where a study is being made of the individual herd records. A summary will be made for each herd owner which will point out the differences in production, costs and profits among the various animals of the herd. These figures will form the basis of Mr. Talbot's discussion.

A third important feature of the program will be a lantern slide lecture by County Agent Lovejoy, who has secured over a hundred slides from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, bearing on herd improvement—especially through the use of better sires.

All interested dairymen or farmers outside of the association, as well as the association members are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

PIANO TUNING

H. L. White will be in Bethel early in May. Leave orders with Miss Dorris Frost. Phone 43-11, or write me at 8 Sheridan Ave., Auburn, Me. 4-20-22

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Pastor
Thursday, April 27, 3 o'clock: Meeting of the Ladies' Club in the parlor of the chapel.
Sunday, April 30:
10.45: The service of worship will be in charge of the Bates College deputation, consisting of Messrs. Gilpatrick, Goggins and Pinckney, the last mentioned preaching.
12.00: Sunday School.
4.00: "What the Missionaries Are Doing for Alaska." Leader, Mrs. Valentine.

7.15: Union service conducted by the Bates deputation, the men giving their team talks. All are invited. The evening service will have particular value to young people but general value to all. We should give these earnest young men the enthusiastic greeting of large numbers.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Society Organized in 1847
Church built, 1853
J. H. Little, Pastor, 1909-1922
Morning service at 10.45.
Sunday School at 12.
Evening meeting at 7.
Wednesday afternoon the Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. Frank King.

Next Sunday will be observed as Woman's Sunday. Mrs. Markley, wife of our Universalist minister, Rev. H. A. Markley, will give the address of the day. It is hoped that every woman who can will be present. The men will not be barred out. They are cordially invited to be present to hear what splendid work the women of the Universalist churches of America have done and are doing. They have a noble record covering 60 years. The ladies will have charge of the service.

The annual parish meeting will be held at the church next Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All members of the parish and all others interested in the welfare of our church are invited to be present to hear the reports for the past year, elect officers and make provision for the work of the current year. May 1st will mark the end of the 13th year of the present pastorate.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. L. Wheaton, Pastor
Mother's Jewels at 10 A. M.
Sermon at 10.45.
Sunday School at 12.00.
Union meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.
There will be a meeting of the Ladies' Aid, Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Wesley Wheeler.

WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH

On Wednesday afternoon, April 10th fifteen ladies of the Chapel Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Violet Bennett. A fine amount of work was completed and a pleasant afternoon spent. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Burris at her home on the Flat road.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

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Cord 31 x 4 — \$27.00
Non-Skid Cord
32 x 4 — 30.50
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FISK TIRES

Our Stock Reduction SALE

is still going on and we have a splendid assortment of bargains to choose from yet. We will mention only a few of them:

100 pairs Women's Brown Calf and Vici Kid, high cut boots, military heel, medium toe, Goodyear Welt, Evangeline. All sizes, C and D width, they were \$7.50 and a good trade at that; price now \$4.95

60 pairs Women's Black Vici Kid, high cut boots, military heel, medium toe, Goodyear Welt, Evangeline. All sizes, A, B, C and D width, one of our best \$7.50 boots, now \$4.95

A lot of Women's Rubbers, the \$1.00 grade, for high heel boots, price 25c.

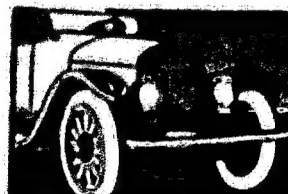
40 pairs Men's Brown Calf Boots, narrow toe, these were at one time sold for \$13.00, our price now \$3.95

A large lot Men's medium weight work shoes, very soft and comfortable, were \$7.50, now \$3.95.

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POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK IS OBSERVED

May 1 Sees Inaugurated First General Campaign of Kind in Service.

Without the Postal Service, business would languish in a day, and be at a standstill in a week. Public opinion would die of dry rot. Sectional hatred or prejudice only would flourish, and narrow-mindedness thrive.

It is the biggest distinctive business in the world and it comes nearer to the innermost interests of a greater number of men and women than any other institution on earth. No private business, however widespread, touches so many lives so often or sharply; no church reaches into so many souls, flutters so many pulses, has so many human beings dependent on its ministrations.

"Postal Improvement Week" has been set for May 1, by the Postmaster General. This is the first general campaign of its kind in the Postal Service for several decades. Business men and their organizations, large users of the mail, newspapers, motion pictures, advertisers, and the entire organization of 326,000 postal workers are to be enlisted in this country-wide campaign of interest in postal improvements. Your help is vital. Address your letters plainly with pen or typewriter. Give street address. Spell out name of State, don't abbreviate. Put your return address in the upper left hand corner of envelope (not on the back) and always look at your letter before dropping in the mail to see if it is properly addressed. This care in the use of the mails is for your benefit and speeds up the dispatch and delivery of mail matter.

If you have any complaints of poor service make them to your postmaster. He has instructions to investigate them and report to the department.

COURTESY

It sticks in human relations like postage stamps on letters. The POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT expects it to be used by its postmasters and employees in dealing with the public.

Help them in its use beginning with POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK, May 1-6, 1922.

THANK YOU

WITHOUT STREET ADDRESS
YOUR MAIL IS DELAYED
AT OFFICE OF DELIVERY

The Dead Letter Office has been in existence ever since Ben Franklin started our postal service. Even then people addressed mail to Mr. Backus Smithers, "Atlantic Coast," and expected Ben to know just where Zeke lived.

Perhaps they had Zeke's address in letters up in the garret, maybe a chest full of 'em, but then it was easier to let Ben hunt Zeke. Today people are addressing letters to John Smith, New York, N. Y., or Chicago, Ill., thinking Uncle Sam can locate him, which is just as incomplete as was Zeke's address of yore. The Postoffice Department asks you to put the number and street in the address. It helps you.

Trinidad Col.

How do you expect the Postal Clerk to know whether you mean Trinidad, California, or Trinidad, Colorado? ALWAYS SPELL OUT THE NAME OF THE STATE IN FULL IN THE ADDRESS.

"MORE BUSINESS IN GOVERNMENT"

This apt phrase was used in President Harding's first message to Congress and applies particularly in postal management, where postmasters are being impressed with the fact that they are managers of local branches of the biggest business in the world.

HERE COMES A STRANGER!

Let's make our post office look neat. Mr. Postmaster. Straighten up the rural letter box, Mr. Farmer. Tidy up some, Mr. Rural Carrier. First impressions are lasting. Maybe Mr. Stranger, taking notice of these improvements, will come back, bringing you business. Start these with "POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK" May 1-6.

HUMANIZING THE POSTAL SERVICE

"There is no unimportant person or part of our service. It is a total of human units and their co-operation is the key to its success. In its last analysis, postal duties are accommodations performed for our neighbors and friends and should be so regarded, rather than as a hired service performed for an absentee employer." Postmaster General Hubert Work.

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NEW ENGLAND NUMERICAL SIGN POSTING SYSTEM MAY BECOME NATIONAL

Automobile Club of America and New England Hotel Men's Association Plan Meeting with State Highway Commissioners' Approval

The New England States' uniform numerical system of sign posting has every prospect of being adopted throughout the country. At an important official gathering recently held at the Automobile Club of America, steps were taken to extend this new simple system of marking highways, and a committee of eighteen was appointed to promote the plan, which is already in practical operation, Connecticut having already commenced to mark a portion of the Boston Post Road.

The meeting which followed a dinner tendered by the Club to the visiting officials and delegates, was called at the instance of Arthur L. Race, President of the New England Hotel Men's Association. In attendance were Arthur L. Woods, President of the Automobile Club of America; Elmer Thompson, Secretary; Herbert Sisson, Highway Commissioner of the State of New York; Arthur L. Race, President of the New England Hotel Men's Association; E. M. Tierney, President, National Hotel Men's Association; D. W. Hoegg, Maine State Automobile Association; F. N. Bain, Secretary, Empire Tour Association; W. A. Van Duzer, Pennsylvania State Highway Commissioner; Frederick C. Hall, Secretary, New Jersey Tour Association; J. W. Patterson, Rhode Island State Highway Commissioner; Thomas D. Green, ex-President, New York City Hotel Men's Association; G. E. Hamlin, Connecticut State Highway Commissioner; Almon C. Judt, President, Ideal Tour; D. B. Goodie, Boston Chamber of Commerce; Frank C. Hall, New England Hotel Men's Association; J. M. Mackall, Maryland State Highway Commissioner; William A. Kimball, Secretary, New England Hotel Men's Association; A. D. Converse, New England Hotel Men's Association; J. J. Lanning, Garden City, L. I.; E. E. Hogel, Acting Secretary, Automobile Club of Philadelphia; J. E. McAdam, Vice President, New England Hotel Men's Association.

Colonel Arthur Woods, President of the Club, welcomed the gathering, and commented on the activity of the Automobile Club of America during the past fifteen years in sign posting the roads with the "Yellow Arrow Marker." He expressed his interest in the new plan of designating through highways in a clear, simple manner, directing motorists wherever they might want to go. Colonel Wood said, "I am glad the club has devoted itself to this sort of thing, because an automobile organization has no reason for existing unless it is of service to those who own cars."

This uniform system which has just received the official sanction of the New England Highway Commissioners, provides for two standard colors only, a yellow background surrounded by a black border with black numerals in the center. The uniform symbol will be painted on the telegraph and telephone poles along the roadways. Where such facilities are not available, proper poles will be erected. Interstate and national routes will bear the numbers from 1 to 99, inclusive, although all the higher numbers may not be used. State routes will begin with the numerals 100 and continue in order as needed. As painted on the poles, they always will be square. On the National or

main routes, the numbers will be six inches in height. On State routes, the numbers will be four inches in height, with abbreviated State name beneath, the letters being two inches high.

Arthur L. Race, President of the New England Hotel Men's Association, who acted as chairman of all meetings that were held at Boston and Hartford in forming the New England zone, was the next speaker. "In reviewing the action of the New England Hotel Men's Association in undertaking to simplify automobile touring in New England," he said, "it was with this thought in mind that I invited the New England Highway Commissioners and Engineers to a meeting in Boston." In addition to inviting the various officials, he invited Mr. O. M. Wells, Chief Roadman of the Automobile Club of America, and Mr. E. R. Mixer, of the Blue Book Publishing Company, to be present at the preliminary meeting held at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Following this, was an official meeting held at the State House in Boston, at which a plan of numerical sign posting, worked out by Mr. O. M. Wells, was adopted for all of New England.

Herbert Sisson, Commissioner of Highways of the State of New York, also spoke, and voiced his approval of the plan. He stated that he would be glad to have New York join with New Jersey and Pennsylvania to make another zone, as he had been convinced that the color band plan could not be successfully used, and that the new system of numbering the through routes would result in a great saving of time and money to all of the highway departments throughout the country.

NEW ENGLAND TWO ... Edward H. Tierney, President of the National Hotel Men's Association, made an impressive address on the hotel industry and its relation to motorizing. He stated that it was just as necessary for the motorists to have good hotels as it was good roads. "The hotel industry," he said, "is so closely allied to motorizing that it is a good idea for all the hotel men throughout the country to work in harmony with the road commissioners towards a uniform plan of marking that will be of help to tourists."

The meeting decided to appoint a committee to forward the cause of uniform marking throughout the United States, and the following were appointed: E. N. Bain, Arthur L. Race, Frank C. Hall, Almon C. Judt, E. M. Tierney, Elmer Thompson, O. M. Wells, David B. Pruvan, Townley McKee, Thomas Green, Henry Leeds, Charles A. Carrigan, William Kimball, A. J. Casoy, George C. Diehl, Daniel L. Reese, William W. Hicker, Eugene E. Hogel.

LOOKER'S MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Herrick of Bethel called on Earl Farrington and family, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis and Mrs. W. H. Crockett were in Norway, Saturday.

Chester Cummings was home from Hanover, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willey called on friends, Sunday.

A food sale was held at the Club house, Tuesday. Over thirty dollars was cleared which will be used to purchase baseball uniforms.

Mrs. A. B. Stowell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rowe, at Bryant's Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tebbets and Ethel Cole motored to Lewiston, Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph King visited her sister, Mrs. Helle Chase, at Auburn, Friday.

THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CO. OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Mortgage Loans	\$804,200.00
Collateral Loans	589,750.00
Stocks and Bonds	5,576,822.40
Cash in Office and Bank	2,354,489.01
Agents' Balances	2,187,199.82
Bills Receivable	9,075.74
Interest and Rents	86,387.81
All other Assets	797,763.52
Gross Assets	\$12,205,685.30
Deduct items not admitted	235,183.17
Admitted Assets	\$11,970,502.13

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921

Net Unpaid Losses	\$1,034,992.33
Unearned Premiums	5,669,568.38
All other Liabilities	455,922.11
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	1,849,949.31

Total Liabilities and Surplus

\$11,970,502.13	Bethel
\$1,034,992.33	Rumford
\$5,669,568.38	Fryeburg
\$455,922.11	Rumford Falls Ins. Agency
\$2,000,000.00	Rumford
\$1,849,949.31	South Paris

NEW JERSEY FIDELITY & PLATE GLASS INS. CO.

Newark, New Jersey Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Mortgage Loans	\$752,200.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,304,759.00
Cash in Office and Bank	123,015.05
Agents' Balances	455,922.92
Interest and Rents	31,278.42
All other Assets	86.09
Gross Assets	\$2,067,956.49
Deduct items not admitted	64,422.34
Admitted Assets	\$2,003,534.15

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921

Net Unpaid Losses	\$475,449.29
Unearned Premiums	1,034,450.73
All other Liabilities	203,342.78
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	308,191.35

Total Liabilities and Surplus

\$2,003,534.15

UNITED MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Boston, Mass. Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Collateral Loans	\$11,310.75
Stocks and Bonds	639,508.15
Cash in Office and Bank	82,335.45
Agents' Balances	74,129.66
Bills Receivable	1,503.38
Interest and Rents	12,137.80
All other Assets	9,975.00
Gross Assets	\$830,800.20
Deduct items not admitted	23,551.39
Admitted Assets	\$807,248.81

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921

Net Unpaid Losses	\$40,003.18
Unearned Premiums	\$67,999.52
All other Liabilities	17,171.45
Cash Capital	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	281,422.63

Total Liabilities and Surplus

\$807,248.81

THE COLUMBIAN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Boston, Massachusetts Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Real Estate	\$1,073,616.99
Mortgage Loans	3,780,820.20
Stocks and Bonds	12,828,854.08
Cash in Office and Bank	155,046.81
Agents' Balances	93,107.35
Interest and Rents	800,210.77
All other Assets	4,625,589.65
Gross Assets	\$22,455,049.56
Deduct items not admitted	593,863.07
Admitted Assets	\$22,061,186.49

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921

Net Unpaid Losses	\$72,976.07
Unearned Premiums	189,858.47
All other Liabilities	20,563,553.43
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	440,999.52

Total Liabilities and Surplus

\$22,061,186.49

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DENMARK

Samuel Colby, who fell Friday morning, breaking his hip, passed away Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. He has been in feeble health for several years. He would have been 80 years old his next birthday.

William Ordway has been sick the past week with a bad sore throat and has been staying at his sister's.

Mrs. Annie Freeman came back to stop at Ellis Blake's while he is to work at C. E. Babb's.

Mr. Proctor of Portland, who has been manager of the Burnham & Morrill corn shop here for several years, has been in town for several days looking after the corn for the coming season. He has been at Madomak, Me., working in the B. & M. clam factory this spring.

News was received here the first of the week of the death of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Bosworth of Fryeburg. Mrs. Bosworth took him to Portland several days ago for treatment. He was only a few months old. Herbert Freeman of East Denmark has a new Ford car.

Mrs. Richmond True has been sick several days, caused by being poisoned by eating clams.

Mrs. Fred Sanborn has been sick with indigestion since she arrived home from Florida the first of last week.

STOW

Erville Fernald has sold his auto to Herbert Harmon of No. Fryeburg.

Alfred Chase purchased 200 R. I. Red chicks from Brownfield parties. They are nice, strong, healthy chicks.

The boys had a spasm at Stow Town Hall, Wednesday, but owing to the bad travelling there was not a very large crowd.

Wm. M. Sanborn went to No. Conway the first of the week, doing mason work.

The crows are very tame around here this spring, lighting quite near the house and on the yard fence, trying to locate the corn piece.

E. B. Harriman was up through here

with the meat cart for the first time this spring, Thursday.

They have the river drive nearly through. Owing to the high water they have been unable to drive for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harmon of No. Fryeburg were Sunday callers at Lester Fernald's.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

Howard Gunther went to Portland last week, accompanied by his wife, and remained in the hospital several days where he had an x-ray examination. Mr. Will Gunther went down Thursday and returned home with him Friday night.

C. A. Capen and daughter, Ethel, spent Saturday in Lewiston.

Mrs. Mary J. Capen visited her sister, Mrs. Gunther, and her old home last week.

Miss Minnie Capen spent a couple of days with her aunt, Mrs. Will Gunther, last week.

Lester Cooper returned to Walter Balentine's last week for a two weeks' stay.

Envelopes from 6 cents to 20 cents per bunch, and paper from 10 cents to 65 cents per pound at the Citizen's Office.

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WEST PARIS

The funeral of Lottie, wife of William H. Pratt, was held from the Universalist church, Monday afternoon. Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel, who united Mr. and Mrs. Pratt in marriage thirteen years ago, was the officiating clergyman. Mrs. Pratt passed away at the C. M. G. Hospital, Friday following a very serious operation on Tuesday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quincey Allen. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Eileen, about ten years of age, and an infant daughter a few weeks old. Her father, two brothers, Fred Allen of Norway and Bert Allen, also one sister and other relatives survive. She was a member of Onward Rebekah Lodge. The order attended and performed their burial service. There were many pretty flowers. Interment in W. Paris cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl LeBay were given a variety shower at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Barden, Saturday evening. There were 45 present. Ice cream and cake were served. Miss Alice Barden and Mr. Arthur Walcome rendered solos and the evening was a very enjoyable one.

Rev. J. H. Little was entertained Monday at Lewis Mann's. Master Lewis Mann and Miss Louise Devino were dinner guests Thursday of Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler in honor of the ninth birthday of their daughter, Dorothy.

Quincey Adams Day died at his home on Greenwood street, Wednesday morning, after a long and lingering illness of several months. Mr. Day was the son of Daniel and Martha (Powers) Day, and was born in Woodstock, Oct. 9, 1860. He married Miss Minnie Adams, who survives him with their two children, Gerald A., a freshman in West Paris High School, and Martha L., a few years younger. Three brothers also survive, Bert and Alton Day of West Paris and Alden Day of Oxford. He was an honest, kind hearted man, and very industrious. For a long time he had been employed at the Paris Manufacturing Co.'s factory, which was closed during the funeral service held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon and largely attended. Rev. Chester G. Miller of South Paris officiated, preaching a wonderful sermon of sympathy and assurance of the future life. West Paris Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Onward Rebekah Lodge, of which he was a member, attended. The flowers were profuse and beautiful. The interment was in West Paris cemetery.

"The Country Minister," a five-act drama, was presented on Wednesday in Grange Hall to a full house, and on Thursday evening to a good sized audience. The play is especially good, and the parts were all well taken. The specialties were also very good, and both evenings' performances are receiving much praise. The specialties for the evenings consisted of piano solos, Albert Martin; piano solos, Louise Devino; character song, Alice Edna Barden; Charles Dolbier, Mrs. Wardwell and Charles Martin accompanied; recitations, Lewis Jacob Mann; violin solos and piano accompaniment, the Misses McKee; duets, Ursula and Anita Rowe, with Dorothy Wheeler accompanied; piano duet, Beatrice and Albert Martin; solo, Charles Dolbier. Supper was served Wednesday, and there was a sale of fancy articles, aprons, candy, and other miscellaneous things. Ice cream was on sale both evenings.

Frank Hill is having a new piazza built on his house, and S. J. Caldwell is having a garage built.

Guests at C. F. Barden's from Wednesday until Sunday were Arthur Welcome of Waltham, Mass., Mrs. Jennie Currier of Bryant's Pond, and Earl B. LeBay.

Arthur Ricker of Bristol, N. H., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ricker.

Mr. Watson of Boston is visiting his wife at Mrs. F. S. Farnum's.

Mrs. Vernon Ellingwood and son were guests at Mrs. Lottie Curtis' last week.

Mrs. L. W. Titus of South Paris was the guest of Mrs. E. E. Wheeler, Wednesday.

Considerable excitement prevailed here Wednesday when it was discovered at noon that Bernard Small, son of Mrs. Bessie Small, and Eugene Penley, the ten-year-old son of F. R. Penley, had not attended school. Search was made during the afternoon, and about 6 o'clock whistles were blown to announce that they had been found. They had arrived at South Paris and were sent home. Both boys have comfortable homes, and the little Penley boy is provided with a pony team, dog, and the many playthings which gladden boys' hearts, but which in his case did not seem to make up for the novel sensation of travel and adventure.

Mrs. Flora Wilder of Chelsea, Mass., came to attend the funeral of Quincey Day.

Mr. S. Babler is gaining quite a little, and one day walked to his nearest neighbor's.

Rev. H. F. Aldrich attended the M. E. Conference at Lewiston last week. Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Dinsmore have been at F. H. Hill's while he has been doing work on their piazza and Caldwell's garage.

CANTON

Mrs. Samuel T. Hayden of Canton Point submitted to a surgical operation at her home, Thursday, and is getting along nicely. Mrs. Tucker of East Sumner is caring for her.

Mrs. Abbie M. Parsons fell and fractured three ribs and sprained her wrist a few days ago. She is doing well. Her daughter, Mrs. William L. Roberts of Randolph has been visiting her for a few days.

The ice has left Lake Umbagog, some earlier than usual.

Supt. Thomas H. Bates delivered an eloquent and interesting sermon at the Opera House, Sunday afternoon, to the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, who attended in good numbers. A male quartet composed of D. L. Cameron, Alton Tyler, Caleb E. Mendall and Lawrence Fisher, furnished music. Miss Marion Tyler was pianist.

Arthur and Henry Gauthier of Lewiston are guests of Pearl McGuire and family.

Arthur Newton is able to be out again after his late severe illness.

Mrs. Abbie S. Proctor is visiting her sister, Mrs. Viola Hathaway, of Auburn.

L. D. Small submitted to an operation for appendicitis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ernest Dillingham, Thursday, and is getting along nicely.

At Maple Grove Cemetery, East Hartford, quite an improvement is being made. An addition to the cemetery has been purchased, grading done and new fences built.

The Misses Arlene and Iva Russell of Brockton, Mass., have been guests of their father, A. F. Russell, and sister, Miss Ethel W. Russell.

Lewis Childs and family of Hartford have moved to the stand in Gilbertville known as the Harlow stand.

Mrs. M. B. Packard has been a guest of her son, Arthur M. Packard, and family of Rumbold.

Miss Nellie Nichols, a former teacher in the Canton schools, has purchased the stand on Hayford road, occupied by J. Alton Tyler and wife.

Mrs. Herman Taylor of Auburn was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lucas and guests Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Peabody of Dixfield have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen of Livermore Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Peabody are now guests of relatives at Peru, before going to their home in Dixfield.

The ladies of John A. Dodge Relief Corps served their annual supper at the Grange Hall, Wednesday night, with a good patronage.

Miss Julia Jones is stopping with her brother, Harris Jones, and family of Rumbold.

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Harold Parsons is having a piazza built on his home and the house remodelled, making a great improvement. Mrs. C. W. Walker had dandelion greens from her garden April 15th. Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes will preach at the Universalist church next Sunday. Mrs. A. P. York visited at Livermore Falls, Tuesday.

Chas. H. Gilbert is in Boston for a few weeks on business. Mrs. Lydia J. Corliss has been spending a few days in the "twin cities."

SKILLINGTON

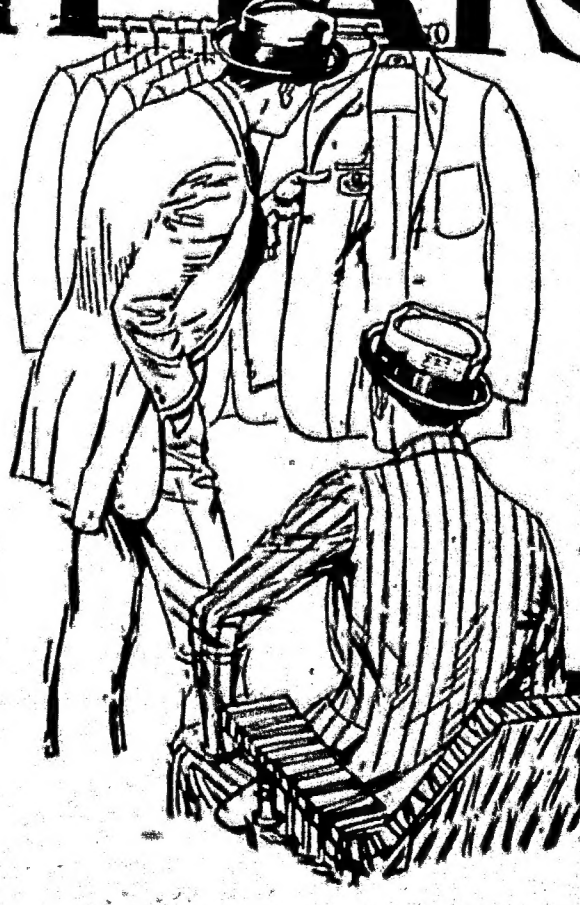
Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Maud Sanborn were Sunday callers on Mrs. Rob Euman of Newry. Miss Mae Wiley called on Mrs. Chas. Crosby, Sunday.

Mr. Crosby is gaining slowly. Clarence Judkins was in Lewiston one day recently.

Mrs. Shaw is doing some sewing in this place this spring.



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BETHEL AND VICINITY
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Miss Libbie Goodridge was in Lewiston, Tuesday.

Mrs. Angella Clark has had her house shingled, recently.

Mr. Ira Jordan is shingling his house on Mechanic street.

Miss Louise Fisher was in Gorham, N. H., to spend Easter.

Mr. T. B. Burke, who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Mrs. F. E. Donahue was in Berlin, N. H., the first of the week.

Mr. S. B. Greenleaf expects to move into the house owned by Miss Anglo Chapman.

Mrs. Frank Bartlett visited her sister, Mrs. Ralph Perkins, at South Paris last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kilborn of Portland are spending the week with E. C. Park and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Conroy of Mechanic Falls were Sunday guests of John Swan and family.

Miss Dorothy Chandler went to her home in Norway, Saturday, and returned Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ed. Verrill and daughter of Farmington were guests of D. C. Conroy and family over the week end.

Mrs. J. W. Kelley and little daughter of North Yarmouth came to Bethel, Sunday evening, and Monday evening Mr. Kelley joined them and Mr. and Mrs. Kelley went to Island Pond, little Lillian remaining with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Albion Morgan.

About forty Old Fellows and Rebekahs attended the annual sermon given by Rev. J. H. Little at the Universalist church on Sunday morning. Mr. Little gave a very interesting talk and gave some interesting facts about the Old Fellows. A very appropriate solo was rendered by Mrs. Marshall Hastings in her usual pleasing manner.

The winter season in Southern California has bleached into that of a delightful Spring almost without appreciable diminution in the number of visitors, or their interest in social activities and outdoor sports. The large hotels are still filled with guests and few of the homes of winter visitors will be needed for some weeks to come. Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Gearing and Mrs. Gilbert T. are among the guests recently arriving at the Hotel Maryland, Pasadena.

Mrs. William Garoy was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fuller returned to Bethel, Wednesday.

Mr. E. C. Park was a business visitor in Portland, Tuesday.

Mr. F. S. Hayes of Oxford was in Bethel, recently buying cattle.

Mrs. H. H. Hastings was in Lewiston, Tuesday.

Master Edwin Merrill was a week-end guest of relatives in Albany.

Miss Lela Bartlett was a guest at the Hapgood farm, Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. K. Grover was a guest of Mrs. George Hapgood one day last week.

Mr. Chester A. Brinck has returned to his work at Springer's mill after an enforced vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert York and family were Sunday guests of Mrs. Anna Grover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Miss Ella Whitcomb of Auburn were calling on friends in town, Tuesday.

County Agent Lovejoy will give a spraying demonstration at Harry Lyons', May 1st at 1 P. M.

Mr. Elmer Parker of Crystal, N. H., working in Springer's mill and boarding with Chester A. Brinck and family.

Miss Elsie Hall, who has been in employed in the family of F. L. Edwards some time, has returned to her home town.

Mrs. H. S. Jodrey has received the news of the death of her aunt, Mrs. B. Mason Billings, whose home was Portland.

Friends of Ernest C. Bowler, Jr., formerly of Bethel, have received cards, announcing the arrival on April 21st of Ernest C. Bowler, 3rd. Bethel friends send congratulations through the press.

Mr. Joseph Douglas, who has been spending the winter at W. J. Douglas', is away Saturday night. The relatives were taken to Chelsea, Mass., accompanied by his widow, Mrs. Estelle Douglas, also Mrs. Emma Bartlett, Mrs. H. Hall and Mr. W. J. Douglas.

Mrs. M. Little was called to Waterville, Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lottie Frances Allen. Services were held in the Universalist church. The Rebekahs, of which she was a member, attended and used their services at the close of Mr. Little's service.

Grace Wheeler spent the week end in South Paris.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Berlin, N. H., Tuesday.

Mr. F. J. Tyler was a business visitor in Portland last week.

Mrs. Lloyd Luxton spent the week end at her home in Mason.

Messrs. R. W. and C. H. Hill of So. Paris were in town last week.

Mr. William Laughlin of Andover is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Cora Sawin was the guest of Mrs. Gerlie Haggood, recently.

Mr. W. A. Woods of Warren, N. H., was in town the last of the week.

Mrs. Alexander Auger was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Allen, Friday.

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs was in So. Paris and Norway, Tuesday, to visit her father and family.

Mrs. Ingalls McAllister of Albany was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heeler, Monday.

Mr. F. A. Pullman and Mr. George Americk of Rumford were in town the last of the week.

Miss Ruth Buck, of Ashburnham, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buck.

Messrs. F. A. Frost and Leroy Diabee of Rumford were business visitors in town one day last week.

Messrs. J. F. and George A. Bell of Berlin, N. H., were in town the first of week, buying horses.

Mr. Ernest Walker, who has been spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., returned to his home in Bethel, today.

Friends of Mr. J. S. Hutchins, who has been confined to the house by illness for the past two weeks, are glad to see him out again.

Mr. Herman Mason and Miss Cleaveland were appointed as members of Republican County Committee for Oxford County at the recent convention in Bangor.

Rev. Mr. Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Wheeler, Mrs. D. G. Lovejoy, Mrs. C. Fox and Mr. Fred Wood attended the Methodist Conference at Lewis last week.

The Universalist choir gave an excellent service at the Odd Fellows anniversary last Sunday. The fine solo by Marshall Hastings was thoroughly appreciated.

BACK TO ROYALTY

Egyptian King the "Patron Saint"
of Suspenders.

Modern Man Must Concede That He
Owes Much to Monarch of
Many Centuries Ago.

Perhaps if suspenders could be said to rise to the dignity of a "patron saint," old King Nar-Mer, of the earliest dynasty of ancient Egypt, would be the logical candidate for the job. He boasted the first of the series of what we know as the "dynamic kingdoms" of Egypt more than 5,000 years ago. Nar-Mer is undoubtedly the first royal patron of suspenders, as testified plainly by his delineation wearing the article, found on a slate palette dug up in the ruins of Hierakonopolis late in the last century. His lone suspender, however, differed from the present models.

Perhaps his royal nibs would be glad for old associations' sake to know suspenders are "coming back" after pretty nearly losing their grip on that part of the public who wear them. But, though Fashion may have swung the gong on suspenders some years ago, the fickle old dame has done a reverse now, according to the haberdashers' reports. These purveyors of all the latest in laddish gentlemen's furnishings say that their sales are steadily increasing wherever suspenders have been put on display.

The very latest styles from London (where our styles in pan-bag, pardons, trousers—are born, doncherno) prescribe cuffless trousers to a very large extent. And as we male molds of form know but too well, cuffless pants are the very deuce to hang badly without the aid of suspenders. They're quite as unsatisfactory in most cases as going to a dance in evening clothes without the aid of braces.

And of all the uneasy feelings ever inflicted on man, the uncertainties of dress dependability, this tortoise is maybe the worst. For if his trousers should slip—good night! Also, good night, style! Of what avail the custom-made trousers fashioned by the highest art of super-tailors—if the darn things don't look right? And nine out of ten of the cuffless kind don't, unless galluses are attached to give them the absolutely necessary proper ditch and hang.

But a whole lot of nice things can be said favoring the return of suspenders, besides the above. They are the fat man's friend and the thin man's ally—Philadelphus Ledger.

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A Perfect Remedy for Sick Headache

Mrs. W. E. Dillingham of Naples, Maine, says "We have used your "L.F." Atwood Medicine in" our family for more than eighteen years and find it a perfect remedy for sick headache, and that tired feeling. It is most valuable for stomach and bowel trouble. We feel that we can hardly keep house without it." Your dealer will supply you with a large bottle for fifty cents—and you will find it an indispensable household medicine.

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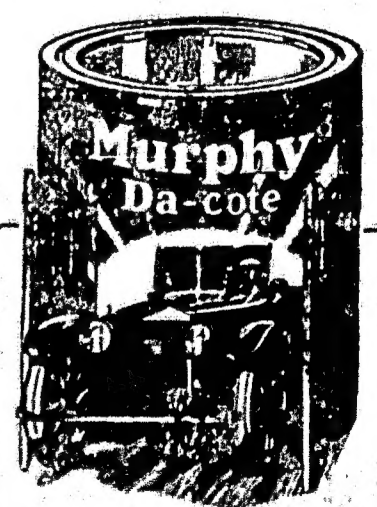
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The FAT MAN has promised the Editor that he will make this corner the brightest and most interesting in the paper. The FAT MAN is also to have his readers send him bits of news, jokes, and other things that they find interesting. The new, the better, and the more, will be paid for at the rate of one dollar a piece for them when suitable for his corner. Unusual contributions will not be returned unless accompanied by addressed stamped envelope. The FAT MAN, Editorial Dept., National Pictorial News, Washington, D.C.

"I couldn't serve as a juror, Judge. One look at that fellow convinces me he's guilty."

"Sh-h, that's the district attorney."

—Success.

Ensign: "See the Captain on that bridge, five miles away?"

Gun-Pointer: "Aye, aye, sir."

Ensign: "Hit him in the eye with a 15-inch shell."

Gun-Pointer: "Which eye, sir?"

—Baltimore Southern Methodist.

Mrs. Houlihan: (sobbing) "Oh, my dear, I saw you till the day before me unforfeited marriage."

Houlihan: "An' O' often wish ye hadn't seen me till the day after."

—Boston Transcript.

Pat was a stranger to American dishes, and had just been introduced to his first order of corn on the cob.

After having devoured all the corn, he passed to his hostess the despoiled cob with the request: "Will ye please put some more corn on me stick?"

—American Legion Weekly.

"Bill," said the foreman, "did you break the news to poor Mrs. Murphy about her husband getting blown sky-high in the explosion?"

"I did."

"Did you break it gently?"

"I did. I told her Tom got that raise he's been looking for."

—American Legion Weekly.

A diplomat is a man who can come out of a barber shop with no more than he went in for.

THAT HORRID WORD AGAIN

"What's the matter?" cried Mrs. Jones when Bobby came running into the house in tears, dragging his little tin sword behind him and rubbing the seat of his trousers. "I thought you were having a good time playing soldiers."

"We were," sobbed Bobby, "and I was Sherman and papa heard me."

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

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International law commonly held valid between civilized nations. Nothing of the sort! All we are going to do with Mexico is to draw up a treaty in which every one of the above conditions will be scrupulously included, and then we will sign it with Mexico instead of asking that Government to sign it all alone. It will be a "treaty"—not a "humiliating pledge!" Another case of "strange all this difference should be 'twixt Tweedledum and Tweedledee."

"IT IS A WISE FATHER"

The Fordney tariff bill now contains 2,057 Senate amendments, and by the time the measure gets through the Upper House and back to the Lower House it is doubtful whether Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee, will be able to recognize his child. The number of amendments is a record, but the Senate usually re-writes most of the tariff bills in this manner. Congressmen recall that when the Underwood tariff bill passed the House it was called a "perfect bill." But notwithstanding the approval it received from party leaders, the Senate made hundreds of amendments to it.

ANOTHER BOOM TO BUY MONTICELLO

For the third time in the last nine years a campaign has been launched to buy Monticello, the former Virginia home of Thomas Jefferson, author of the declaration of Independence. The mansion and buildings are surrounded by 600 acres of land that are kept in first class condition. It is said that Thomas Fortune Ryan offered \$750,000 for the place in 1912, but the owner, former Congressman Jefferson M. Levy, whose family have lived on the estate for a century or more, has refused to sell Monticello unless it is to become a national memorial.

WAR MATERIAL FOR HARD ROADS

War material distributed among the States by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads amounted to \$126,000,000, of which \$90,000,000 represented the value of motor vehicles and parts. Recently a inventory was taken of about \$40,000,000 worth of material at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, part of which will be retained by the War Department and the remainder, suitable for

road work, soon will be available for distribution. The work is being rushed, so that the material may be used for road work early in the season and the camp cleaned up by August 1. Other surplus war materials recently received for distribution are located at Schenectady, N. Y.; Watertown, Mass.; and Dover, N. J.

TALKED IT SO MUCH THEY BELIEVE IT

No matter how deep in the doldrums the industrial and financial situation has sunk, the Administration has always described the "signs as favorable." It seems to be the duty of the Government to cheer up and encourage the country, even though it is necessary at times to play up apparently unimportant matters in order to stimulate the optimistic spirit. "Better times" has been talked so much that those who have kept up the cheerful babble have grown to believe that the country is on the up-grade; and they point to improved farm conditions, the boom in the stock market, and the speeding up of industrial concerns to prove that they are always right—and never were wrong. Some of the leaders even appear to believe that they have talked the country back into good times, and in the Fall elections many of them may seek to impress upon the voters that their "faith that right makes might" has been the salvation of the Nation.

PHENIX MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Concord, New Hampshire

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Collateral Loans,	\$12,540.00
Stocks and Bonds,	102,974.00
Cash in Office and Bank,	10,084.00
Agents' Balances,	5,883.07
Interest and Rents,	912.00
All other Assets,	10,095.10
Gross Assets,	\$203,479.34
Admitted Assets,	\$206,479.34
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921	
Not Unpaid Losses,	\$5,864.00
Unearned Premiums,	59,313.49
All other Liabilities,	1,354.35
Guaranty Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	37,945.33
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$206,479.34

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SOUTH BETHEL

Mrs. Fred Cash of Locke's Mills visited at Mrs. Berton Benson's, Tuesday. Henry Tibbets and son, Oscar, were at Bethel, Tuesday.

Lydia Smith was at Bethel, shopping, one day last week.

Artemus Smith, who has been living at Connecticut, came Sunday and has employment at Tebbets Company at Locke's Mills. He is boarding with his sister, Mrs. Archie Dunton.

Mrs. Frank Brooks and daughter, Blanche, were at Locke's Mills, shopping, Tuesday.

Mr. Russell, superintendent of schools, was in town one day last week.

Lydia Smith is entertaining her brother from Gorham, N. H.

Daniel Cross visited his daughter, Mrs. Frank Brooks, Wednesday.

Annie Cross visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Brooks, over the week end.

Warren Brooks was in town, Saturday.

Mae Yearlings called on Edna Stevens, Wednesday.

Vinton Tibbets is throwing in pulpwood for Frank Brooks.

Friends of Frank Brooks will be pleased to hear that he is coming home the first of the week.

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STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published in three successive issues of the Oxford County Citizen, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held May, A. D. 1922, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Albert B. Grover late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Edith W. Grover as executrix of the same to act without bond as expressed in said will, presented by said Edith W. Grover, the executrix therein named.

Robins G. Stearns late of Albany, deceased; petition that Lilla G. Stearns be appointed administratrix of the estate of said deceased to act without bond presented by said Lilla G. Stearns, widow.

Eliphaz M. Verrill late of Oxford, deceased; petition that Henry M. Verrill or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased presented by said Henry M. Verrill, son and heir.

Lydia P. Fernald late of Albany, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Lucien J. Andrews, administrator.

Witness, ABETAS E. STARNES Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Nancy A. Maycomell late of Hanover in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ALPHA T. POWERS, Hanover, Maine.

April 18, 1922.

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Bethel People Should Heed Its Warning

Have you a sharp pain or a dull ache across the small of your back? Do you realize that it's often a timely sign of kidney weakness? Prompt treatment is a safeguard against more serious kidney trouble. Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Profit by a Bethel resident's experience.

F. I. French, farmer, 25 Chapman St., says: "My work has always been of a heavy nature, lumbering and lifting logs and I blame this for the starting of my kidney trouble. At times my back was lame and a sort of dull ache settled in it. I had blinding dizzy spells when everything turned black before me. My kidneys weren't acting regularly and I hadn't much ambition to do my work. I was advised by a friend to try Doan's Kidney Pills so I went to Bossman's Drug Store and got three boxes of Doan's. When I had finished taking them the trouble was over and I have never since had any kidney disorder."

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1922.

The AMERICAN LEGION

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FIGHTING PARSON IS LIKED

Rev. Earl Blackman, National Chaplain of American Legion, is regarded as Man's Man.

"Fighting parsons" were common during the World war, but those who were not. Rev. Earl Blackman, Kansas, earned his sobriquet, however. He has been elected national chaplain of the American Legion.

To make fun for the boys while in France, Reverend Blackman offered to box a F. of his weight. He wasn't chosen chaplain of the Legion for that reason. However, his followers declare it was because "he is at all times a man's man and represents the liberal spirit of the organization."

Returning from France, Reverend Blackman resumed his pulpit in Chanute, Kan. One of his first acts was to attend a public dance. He didn't dance, but thoroughly enjoyed the fun. A protest came from his congregation and he resigned. His resignation wasn't accepted.

Then he began doing other things. He rigged up a gymnasium in the basement of his church and gave boxing lessons to the boys of the Sunday school. The church liked it.

Reverend Blackman refused offers from larger churches to stay with his pastorate in Chanute. His view of Sunday "blue laws" is characteristic: "To my mind the advocacy of such laws only serves to cheapen religion in the minds of the masses and tends to push it back into the superstitions of the past. What is rest and relaxation to the farmer may not be such to the bank clerk."

HONOR BRITISH WAR MOTHER

General Pershing Gives Her Kiss and American Legion Women-Pay Tender Tribute.

The alliance between those who served the United States and Great Britain against the common enemy during the World war was further strengthened by a kiss from General Pershing and honors from American war mothers, bestowed upon Mrs. Amelia Emma McCudden, official British war mother, before she sailed for return to the island kingdom.

Mrs. McCudden, mother of the noted major of the British air force who brought down more than 60 German planes and won the Victoria cross before he was killed, was sent to America to represent England's war mothers at the ceremonies for the unknown American soldier. At a banquet in Philadelphia in her honor, General Pershing upon being introduced leaned over and kissed Mrs. McCudden. In New York she was taken into membership of the American Legion auxiliary, composed of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the Legion, and the gold star of women whose relatives were killed was awarded her.

MANY LEGION MEN BACHELORS

Investigation Discloses Fact That Majority of Ex-Servicemen Prefer Single Blessedness.

Three years after the war 61.9 per cent of the former service men are still bachelors, according to Gray Waggett, adjutant of the Evanston (Ill.) post of the American Legion. Mr. Waggett has been conducting a campaign to gain information about Legionnaires in the Middle West, and bases his statistics on 100,000 replies received.

Of the 38.4 per cent who married American, French or German girls, 10 per cent have children.

The house owners totaled 15.8 per cent and the business owners aggregated 15.5 per cent; nevertheless 21.7 per cent are able to drive their own automobiles.

Legion posts, too, have the blighting fever, 44.5 per cent having permanent quarters now, while 20 per cent will get theirs in a short time. These statistics apply only to that part of the country.

She Passed Up the Marines

Discovery that Mrs. Helen Ferguson Drexler was receiving \$400 a month from the government in soldiers' allotment checks led to her arrest in Chicago. She is said to have had eleven husbands in the army and navy, but none in the marines.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

BETHEL LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 97, meets in Masonic Hall the second Thursday evening of each month. R. B. Tibbets, W. M.; Fred B. Merrill, Secretary.

PURITY CHAPTER, No. 102, O. E. S., meets in Masonic Hall the first Wednesday evening of each month. Mrs. Elizabeth Garey, W. M.; Mrs. Pearl Tibbets, Secretary.

MT. ABRAHAM LODGE, No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Friday evening. A. C. Brink, N. G.; Wesley Wheeler, Secretary.

SUNSET REBEKKAH LODGE, No. 64, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Mrs. Lena Brink, N. G.; Anna French, Secretary.

SUDBURY LODGE, K. of P., No. 25, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall each Tuesday evening. E. Leroy Good, C. C.; John Harrington, K. of R. and S.

NACOMMI TEMPLE, PYTHIAN SISTERS, No. 68, meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month at I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. Helen Baker, E. C. Mrs. Minnie Bennett, M. of R. & C.

BROWN POST, No. 54, G. A. R., meets at Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. A. E. Hutchins, Commander; I. C. Jordan, Adjutant; L. N. Bartlett, Q. M.

BROWN W. R. C. No. 34, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month. Emily Forbes, Pres.; Eva Hastings, Secretary.

GEORGE A. MUNDT POST, No. 81, AMERICAN LEGION, meets the first Tuesday of each month in its rooms. William Mackay, Commander; Howard Tyler, Adjutant.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56, meets in their hall the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. A. F. Copeland, M.; Eva Hastings, Secretary.

"Cold in the Head"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Those subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the system, cleanse the blood and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh.

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RHUBARB ONE OF BEST PRODUCERS

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PLANT IN OUT-OF-WAY PLACE

Along Garden Fence Where Roots Will Not Be Injured in Cultivation of Rest of Garden is Good Location.

Rhubarb, or "pieplant," as it is sometimes called, cannot be grown universally, but is limited to certain definite sections. Information as to whether rhubarb will or will not grow in a given locality can be obtained from the local seedsmen or from neighbors who have had experience in growing it.

Rhubarb is propagated by planting pieces of the roots secured by dividing older hills, and six to ten hills will usually supply plenty of rhubarb for the average family, states the United States Department of Agriculture.

Rhubarb should be planted exactly the same way as asparagus, that is, the roots or crowns should be covered four or five inches in deeply spaded



Rhubarb a Generous Producer.

and well enriched soil; there is little danger of having the soil too rich for rhubarb. The hills should be three and a half to four feet apart, if more than one row is planted.

This wonderful staple of the family garden can generally be planted along the fence where it will be out of the way of cultivation.

The thick leaf stems are the part used, and none should be pulled from the plants the first year after seeding, but a large supply will be available the second season, and the hills will, as a rule, continue to produce satisfactory crops of stems for several years, after which they should be divided and reset.

Rhubarb should receive the same attention and treatment during winter as asparagus, and the plants should never be allowed to ripen and seed. The roots may be brought into the greenhouse, pit, coldframe, or cellar during the winter and forced.

By placing a barrel over a rhubarb plant much longer and tender stalks may be grown.

This is one plant that does not thrive in western climates. It is most popular, especially in the sections where it is grown, in the early part of the spring. The use of rhubarb is principally for making pies and sauces, and many housewives can the stems for winter use.

CHICKEN FENCE WIRE HANDY

Small Gardeners Will Find the Woven Two-Inch Mesh Valuable—Takes Place of Stakes.

Many vegetable and flowering vines can be successfully grown on chicken fence wire. In the fall the wire can be taken down and used for succeeding years for similar purposes. It will enable the small gardener to raise more vegetables and flowers than if they were allowed to lie on the ground and spread out over valuable space.

Cucumbers, lima and climbing string beans, nasturtiums and numerous other vegetables of spreading variety, as well as almost any vine-bearing plants can be successfully trained on the wire trellis permitting of the use of the ground space ordinarily covered by vines being used for something else. Give the vine plants plenty of air and sunshine, and water when needed, and they will give an excellent accounting of themselves on the wire.

NEW ENGLAND NEWS IN TABLOID FORM

News of General Interest From the Six States

A post card mailed 14 years ago at Brunswick, Me., was received recently by Oliver Glazebrook of Halifax, N. S.

Washington, Bissell recently observed his 102d birthday at his home in Great Barrington, Mass., where he lives with his daughter.

Twelve cats, hungry and ill-treated, were moving restlessly from room to room and a 13th lay asleep in the lap of Mrs. Loupise de la Moriciere, whose dead body police found seated in an easy chair in her apartment in Boston.

The factory of J. B. Tatum & Son, manufacturers of wooden handles, was destroyed by fire at Putnam, Ct. with a loss estimated at \$20,000. The fire is believed to have started in the boiler room. The plant was burned last August and was rebuilt.

Charles Taylor, 65, who told Judge George A. Sanderson in the superior court, Worcester, Mass., that when his wife, Katie, drove him out of their Northboro home 20 years ago, he lived in a hen coop, has won a divorce suit. Judge Sanderson granted the decree.

Exclusion of certain text books on history from schools of the country because they contain reflections on the patriotism of the heroes of the revolution was demanded in a resolution adopted by the Maine department, United Spanish War Veterans, at its annual campment in Portland.

An oak kernel which sprouted in the right ear of Peter Everson, New Haven, Ct., brought on meningitis, from which Everson died at the hospital. A doctor at the hospital stated that the oak kernel had lodged in Everson's ear a few weeks ago finally causing severe pain and delirium.

Encouraged by the success of policewomen on duty in the Metropolitan Park district of Boston, the presidents of Massachusetts women's clubs, meeting in Fitchburg voted to petition the park commission to appoint additional policewomen at Revere, Nantasket and other beaches.

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Atty.-Gen. Allen sent to the Massachusetts Senate an important opinion, holding that the Legislature has no right to authorize cities and towns to pay to widows or dependents of public employees the balance of their salaries for a year. In the attorney-general's opinion such bills are unconstitutional.

The New Bedford Film Company's special whaler, schooner Gaspe, Capt. James A. Tilton, arrived in port, eleven days from San Bay, West Indies, where whales were taken for a moving picture under direction of Elmer E. Clifton. In all 25,000 feet of film was shot and with the cutting down there will be enough for four reels.

A collie dog barked a warning that brought Mr. and Mrs. Nellis Olsen and four children of Braintree, Mass., from their burning dwelling, and then ran to the barn, pawed the door open and drove his master's 32 cows to safety. He was unable to save a horse, calf and the farm implement. The damage to house and barn was estimated at \$10,000.

The Rhode Island House of Representatives has passed with amendments the state prohibition enforcement bill previously passed by the Senate. The vote was 63 to 35. The bill will return to the Senate for concurrence on the amendments and if favorably received will provide Rhode Island with power to enforce prohibition for the first time.

Portland's latest theatre, "Arthur Mattland's Little Playhouse," is to be located in the historic High street church, which was deserted by its congregation last year and was to have been converted into a motor car salesroom. Alterations on the interior will start at once under Mr. Mattland's direction, and the summer season will start about July 1.

Five gypsies entered the store of Sebastiano Tino, Lawrence, Mass., "blessed" his money and departed. Later he discovered that the "blessing" had set him back just \$80. The five gypsies promised to tell his fortune, but he would have none of that. So they said the would "bless" his money, after which they assured him he would make money rapidly.

The will of Miss Emily Howland Bourne, filed for probate at New Bedford, Mass., bequeaths \$200,000 to the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. The estate is valued at \$1,500,000. Miss Bourne died recently in New York. Numerous bequests are also made to public and charitable institutions in New Bedford, including the Bourne Whaling Museum. The largest personal bequest is made to Emily Bourne Michler, of New Bedford, a niece who received \$250,000 and the residuary estate.

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BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

For Week Ending April 26, 1922

(Prepared by U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates)

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
Offerings in heavy volume, with moderate buying demand and a generally downward price tendency, several lines including sharply. South Carolina asparagus was steady at 3.00-3.50 a crate, according to quality, while some fancy, large green New Jersey asparagus sold as high as 3.00 a dozen bunches. Alabama cabbage .75-1.00 lower at 2.00-2.50 a crate. Florida celery steady at 4.00-4.50 a crate for the best sizes. California and Arizona iceberg lettuce 1.00-lower at 2.00-2.50 a crate. Egyptian onions selling 5.00-6.50 per 100 lb sack. Florida oranges lower at 8.00-7.50 a box. Maine potatoes 20c lower at 1.25-1.40 per 100 lb sack. New Florida potatoes 7.50 a barrel. Norfolk spinach active and higher at 2.50-3.00 a barrel. Florida tomatoes at the following prices a bus. box: Beet greens .50-1.00 cucumbers 3.00-7.00 dandelions 1.00 (outdoor) dandelions 1.10-1.25; lettuce 1.75-2.00; radishes 2.00-4.00. Native root vegetables steady to firm, selling as follows: beets 1.25-1.50 carrots 1.25-1.75; turnips 1.75-2.00 per cellar stock and 2.00-2.25 for spring dug stock; turnips 1.00-1.25.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS
The continued scarcity of fresh butter, under active demand, held the market firm and caused prices to advance to 32c. Many users of storage butter have turned, at least partially, to fresh because of the difficulty of securing storage of desirable quality. Available supplies of fresh have been cleaned up daily with some buyers running short the first of week. Toward the close Northern butter was offered quite freely at 28-32c with western goods cleaning up readily at about the same levels. Small lots storage butter have been active 31-32c. Movement of carlots not active because of scarcity of quality some moved 24-25c. Because of lower New York and Wisconsin primary market, fresh cheese has ruled weak under light demand. Although supplies are not heavy dealers are true sellers at concessions. Twins can be purchased 18 1/2-19c, daisies 19-19 1/2c. Cured cheese has ruled about the same. Quality is in demand at full prices, 24-25c. Egg market has not been active during the week but dealers have held quite firmly to their asking prices. Current arrivals of fresh have generally moved at 24 1/2-27c with quality bringing premiums in many cases. Southern eggs mostly at 25-27c. Oldies ranged 33-34c, trades 33 1/2-34c. Storage packed eggs also not active, firsts most 33 1/2-34c. No interest in the finer grades. Nearby hen-houses have been firm but starting to cumulate, moved from 30-32c. Live poultry is in light supply but is also limited. Chickens range 23-25c; fowls 32-34c. Offerings of fresh killed light fowls 32-34c; chickens 25-26c. Frozen poultry slow fowls 30-32c, chickens 25-32c. Maple syrup and sugar in more liberal supply with demand very light. Syrup per gallon 1.50-1.65; sugar 21-22c.

BRIGHTON LIVE STOCK AND DRESSED MEAT MARKET
Receipts on all classes were light on account of the holiday Wednesday, with hardly enough to test the market, while prices tended firm on those sold.
After a vain effort for six months to clear up a mystery in which Joseph E. Soucey, proprietor of a poolroom at 80, Derwick, Me., lost considerable money, important receipts and bills from his large cash register at his place of business, the baffling case has been revealed. Upon overhauling the register, Mr. Soucey found a nest of six mice which had built their home with bills of several denominations, receipts, bills and also his automobile license papers. The mice had apparently gained an entrance through the checking attachment connected with the register and had access to the cash drawer from the inside.

The first step in a Massachusetts State Police raid service has been made in Framingham at the headquarters of Troop A of the constabulary by Chief Signal Officer Sarkis Zartarian of Technology, with the installation of a wireless telephone receiving and transmitting set. Although the present step will satisfy immediate needs, it is planned to replace the apparatus very shortly with one of great power. As soon as other sets can be procured, it is the intention of Capt. Parker of Troop B at Northampton to install a link in the chain at his headquarters, and also one at the new substation of Troop A at Harwich. With the aid of amateurs all over the State it is expected to be able to lay down a tight dragnet.

Returning to his town after 41 years of wandering in this country, Alaska and foreign lands, Anderson Rowe had a difficult task in proving the identity to his brother, Frederick Rowe. The relationship at last was established to Frederick's satisfaction by means of a scar on the back of Anderson's head, the mark of an injury sustained when the two brothers were at boyhood play. Anderson left home when 17 years old and journeyed to many countries. About 15 years ago his relatives in New England were notified that he had died in a fire which had destroyed a hotel. Recently he was in Los Angeles, and while there came across a newspaper which contained an account of a happening in 1906. His health was failing and he was homesick; so he decided to come home.

He was born in Rochester, N. Y., and in 1846 married Miss Charlotte Halbert. He was graduated from Union College in 1844, and when he was 100 years old the degree of LL.D. was conferred upon him by the university, he being the oldest living college alumnus in the United States. He is the oldest Chi Psi in this country, joining the society at college in 1844. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1844, and for about 40 years practiced there, and in 1873 was admitted to the Connecticut bar.

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HARRIET and the PIPER

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Harriet Field, twenty-eight years old and beautiful, is the daughter of the late Mr. Field, a successful merchant. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city. Her mother is a widow and has no other children. Harriet is a very kind and gentle person, and is very popular with her friends.

CHAPTER II.—Presiding over the tea party this afternoon, Harriet is very busy. She is a very kind and gentle person, and is very popular with her friends. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER III.—Harriet's agitation over the appearance of Bloncia at the tea party is explained by the fact that she had been a distant acquaintance with Bloncia for many years. Bloncia is a very beautiful and charming woman, and is very popular with her friends. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Bloncia, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER IV.—Harriet visits her married sister, Linda, in her home in the city. Linda is a very kind and gentle person, and is very popular with her friends. She is now living with her husband, Mr. Linda, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER V.—Knowing the tender feeling she has for Linda, Harriet is very kind and gentle to her. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER VI.—Angered at his wife's open flirtation with young Anthony, Mr. Field is very kind and gentle to her. He is now living with his wife, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER VII.—Ward Carter again urges Harriet to marry him, but she is very kind and gentle to him. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER VIII.—Bloncia puts pressure on Harriet to marry her, but she is very kind and gentle to her. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER IX.—In the new home Harriet, with Madame Carter and Nina, is very kind and gentle to them. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

CHAPTER X.—At her sister's home Harriet helps to bring her home. She is very kind and gentle to her. She is now living with her mother, Mrs. Field, in a small house in the city.

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the car, and they had begun the long, strange drive. She got into the car, and out the bedside light, and lay with her hands clasped behind her head, thinking. The clock struck one; snow was still falling steadily outside, but in here the last pink glow of firelight flickered and sank—flickered and sank lazily.

Some sudden thought made Harriet smile ruefully. She indicated that it was unwelcome by turning over to bury her bright head in the pillow, and resolutely composing herself for sleep.

CHAPTER XI.

Morning found them half-buried in a bright daze of snow, the midwinter miracle that sets the most jaded heart singing and the weariest blood moving more quickly. Harriet was through with her housekeeping and her luncheon, and meditating a letter to Linda, when Ida Tabor fluttered in. Harriet heard the gay voice at the foot of the stairs: "Oh, sweetheart! Where's my little girl?"

Mrs. Tabor looked a trifle dashed when only Harriet responded, although she immediately assured Miss Field cordially with bright insincerity that she had known of her return, and was "so glad!"

"I've been a sort of big sister here," she said, laughingly, "and, my Lord, these kids have managed things wonderfully! But I suppose sooner or later the machinery would have stalled without your fine Italian hand!"

"Mr. Carter asked me to come back," Harriet stated, simply. She thought the truth, her best weapon, but Mrs. Tabor was ready for her.

"Mary Putnam told us that you were just resting and looking about," she said, innocently, "and Dick—generous that he is—couldn't feel comfortable about it, I suppose!"

Richard had telephoned Harriet at three o'clock that the morning papers would have "the news," and that he was coming home to tell his children of their mother's death, tonight. But she must get rid of this woman now, somehow. It would be fatal to have Ida Tabor here when Richard Carter returned.

"I might run up now and see the old lady," said Mrs. Tabor, who had flung off her furs, and beautified herself at her hand-bag mirror. She pressed her lips together for the red coloring. "Mr. Carter's here tonight?" she asked, casually.

Bottomley turned an interruption. Harriet turned to him with relief. But unfortunately he answered the very question she was trying to evade.

"Mr. Carter had just telephoned 'em, and says that 'ell be 'ere at about six, 'm!"

"Oh, thank you, Bottomley!" Harriet turned back to Ida, to see her completely loosening her wraps.

"I came in to the Warrens' car," said she; "they were to run over to say 'Merry Christmas to the Bellams,' and then pick me up. But—if I won't be in the way—I perhaps I might stay and see Nina; we've become great chums. I suppose I'd better go to the room I always have? Then I'll run up and get the latest news of the Battle of Shiloh from Madame Carter!"

It was now or never; Harriet's heart began to beat. "Madame Carter has gone driving," she said. "She may be in at any moment, but before she comes I want to speak to you. We've had terrible news here, Mrs. Tabor. Mr. Carter is coming home to tell the children and his mother tonight. Mr. Pope cabled from Paris on Christmas eve that Mrs. Carter suddenly died that day!"

Ida Tabor never felt anything very deeply, but her emotions were accessible enough, and violent while they lasted. She grew white, ruffled, somewhat reared a chair, and burst into howls of grief. "Isabelle—I Why, they had been so wonderfully well and strong!"

"Nobody knows it," Harriet said, and not quite innocently she added: "The Fordyses, the Bellams—every one who knew her—are in total ignorance of it! If you do tell them, Mrs. Tabor—and there is no reason why you should!"

"Oh, I shall stay here with Nina tonight, anyway!" the visitor said, decidedly. "She'll need me, of course! Poor little thing!"

"It seems too bad to spoil your New Year's plans," Harriet said, smiling, "but you know Nina! She will put those long arms of hers about you, and she won't hear of your leaving her for days! With Nina," Harriet pursued, thoughtfully, "it isn't so much that one can't find a good excuse, as that she won't hear of excusing at all! I remember when Mrs. Carter first went away, there were days of it—weeks of it—just talk, tears, and talk—my arm used to ache from the weight of Nina's arm! Mr. Carter intends to leave for Chicago tomorrow, Ward will probably go up to the Matons—" Harriet rambled on, not unconsciously that she was making an impression. "Anyway," she finished, "we shall be fearfully quiet and alone here, and your being here would simply save the day for Nina!"

"Oh, I really couldn't stay over New Year's," Mrs. Tabor, looking slightly discomfited, said slowly. "You see, the Fordyses—" She looked undecided, and bit her underlip.

"One wonders—" she said, musingly. "Of course, I shouldn't want to intrude tonight—I would be merely to have them feel that I was here—"

"Mr. Carter has asked me to see that the family is along tonight," Harriet said, courageously. "But of course he may feel that you are an exception."

she gazed, with the impersonal air of a mere employee. "I only want to be able to tell him that I repeated his request, and told you the reason for it. That's as far as my authority goes, of course. I shall say simply that you know of his wishes, and if you remain, I know I can say that it was to please Nina!"

And now the two women exchanged an open glance that needed no pretense and no concealment, and it was a glance of enmity.

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"I am aware of that," Harriet said, simply.

"Will you be so kind as to tell Nina and Madame Carter," the visitor was resuming her wraps, and arranging her handsome hat at a velle, "that I will be here tomorrow, and that anything I do I will be so glad to do—just that Mrs. Warren's car, Bottomley? Thank you. Good afternoon, Miss Field!"

"Good afternoon, Mrs. Tabor," Harriet followed her to the hall door, and heard a Partisan shot, addressed in a cheerfully high voice to kindly old Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Fordyce's mother, who was in the limousine:

"Nobody home! All my trouble for nothing!"

Old Mrs. Warren leaned against the frosted glass; waved from the holly-dressed interior at Harriet, and the girl saw her lips frame "Merry Christmas!" The door slammed; Bottomley came with stately footsteps up to the hall again. Harriet gave a little laugh of triumph. Now the coast was clear!

Thus it was that Richard Carter found only his mother and his children at the dinner table that night, and no guests under his roof. Miss Field, to be sure, was at the head of the table, but then Miss Field was a member of the family. He interrogated her briefly as they went in.

"Ward's gang? That Eaton ass?"

"Oh, they were yesterday!"

"Speak to Bottomley!"

"Yes, He and Pilgrim are quite reconciled to remaining," Harriet butted in, to hide a dimple that would come to the corner of her mouth. "And Mrs. Tabor came, and would have stayed," she could not resist the temptation to add, "but I persuaded her that some other time would be better!"

"Scene with Nina about it?" Richard had asked, curiously.

"Nina was not here," Harriet answered. "And there was a faint smile in the deep blue eyes that she raised suddenly to his."

"Ah, well, I knew, of course, that you would manage it," he said, contentedly. "It seems 'black art' to me. I had enough of it?"

She smiled again, and went quietly to her place. But when he summoned Ward and Nina to his mother's room, after dinner, she had disappeared, and the family was quite alone when he broke the news to them.

Harriet, presently needed again, was astonished at the emotion of the old lady, who had been genuinely fond of her daughter-in-law, and had always been loyal to Isabelle, as one of the Carters. Madame Carter was greatly shaken, Nina hysterical, Ward agitated, and Harriet, with her own feeling, she had not seen her mother for seven months, she had brought nothing but a certain unpleasant notoriety to her children, yet her death struck both the young creatures forcibly, and they felt shocked and shaken.

"We can't be in the Fordyce tabernacle," said Nina in an interval between floods of sobs. "Not that I would want to, now! But I am the most unfortunate girl in the world!"

"I think both you and Ward should wear black for a certain period," Richard said to her. He had been walking the floor nervously, stopping now and then beside the great chair where his mother sat silent and stricken, to put his arm about her shoulders, and murmur to her consolingly.

"When my mother died," Madame Carter quavered, with her handkerchief pressed to the tip of her nose, "my sisters and I wore black, and refused all social engagements for one year. We then, I remember distinctly, began to wear white and lavender—"

Nina broke fitfully: "I don't see why I have to wear black!"

"Why should you?" Ward said with bitter scorn. "It's only your mother's!"

Nina began to cry.

"You and I will go down to Landmann's early tomorrow, Nina," Harriet suggested, "and we'll have some one show us what is simple and nice—not, of course, you know, Harriet said, with a glance at Richard Carter, "but black, for a few months, anyway."

"I think that would be the least," Richard, his mother approved. "I believe I will go with you," she descended to Harriet, "after all, Isabelle was my daughter-in-law, and the mother of my grandchildren!"

"And I won't go to California or Bermuda or anywhere else unless Ladybird comes!" Nina burst out, with a broken sob.

"Nonsense!" her father began harshly. Harriet said:

"Bermuda? Is there a plan for Bermuda?"

"I suggested it for a few weeks," Richard said, frowning, "but I don't propose to have Nina invite a group of friends. That isn't exactly the idea."

"We could ask Mrs. Tabor," Harriet said, soothingly. "It is right in the middle of the season, and perhaps she will feel she can hardly spare the time. But I'm sure that if she can—"

"If I ask her, she'll go," Nina said, in a sulky, confident undertone.

Harriet had her doubts, but she did not express them. A month at Nassau, in the undisturbed company of Nina and her grandmother, was enough to appeal even Harriet's stout heart.

The event proved her right, for while Ida Tabor flew at once to her disconsolate little friend, and assured Richard with tears in her eyes that she would do anything in the world to help him, she weakened when the actual test arrived.

"If just you and I and your dear grandmother were going, dearest girl," she said to Nina, "then it would be perfect. But as long as Miss Field, who is perfectly charming and conscientious and all that, feels that she must accompany us, why—you and I would never be a moment alone, sweetheart, you know that! I don't like to think that it's jealousy!"

"Of course it's jealousy," Nina was pleased to decide, gloomily. "Granny says that we don't need her, but Father just sticks to it that she must manage everything!"

Ida Tabor smiled automatically. "I don't suppose your father sees anything in Miss Field?" she submitted, lightly.

"Oh, heavens, no!" Nina said, studying herself in a handglass. "There was a rather steady look in the eyes of my friend Ladybird, but she did not see it. Her smile of pleasure gradually gave place to a pout. 'I'm going to ask Father if we need Miss Harriet,'" she said.

And that evening she did indeed attack Richard on the subject, although not as decidedly as she had planned. He listened to her interestedly enough, with his evening paper held ready for his next glance.

"Let you roam about the country with Mrs. Tabor," he said, as the girl's faltering accents stopped. "No, my dear, it's out of the question! In the first place, she is not the sort of companion I would choose for any girl, and in the second place I would never know where you and your grandmother were, or what was happening to you! While Miss Field is in charge I shall feel entirely safe. Of course, if Mrs. Tabor chooses to invite herself, that's her affair!"

"Then I don't want to go!" Nina stormed. But in the end she did go. Madame Carter, Nina and Harriet duly sailed, in the second week of January, and Ward joined them almost a month later, in Nassau. And here Harriet had the brother and sister at their best, free to show the genuine childishness that was in them, to swim and picnic and tramp, and here she indulged Nina in long talks, and encouraged her to associate with the young people she met.

Harriet wrote once a week to Richard, making a general report, and enclosing receipts, hotel and miscellaneous bills. His communications usually took the form of cables, although once or twice she received typewritten letters.

In mid-April they all came home again, and Crownlands, in the year's first slimy of green, looked wonderful to Harriet's homesick eyes.

Richard was to join them at dinner; it had been impossible for him to meet them when the boat arrived, but Fox had been there and attended to the formalities. It had pleased them all to dress accordingly. Nina looked her prettiest in a white silk, and the old lady was magnificent in diamonds and brocade. Harriet deliberately selected her handsomest gown, a severe black satin that wrapped her slender body with one superb and shining sweep, and left her white arms and firm, flawless shoulders bare. The firm young lines of chin and throat, the swelling white breast that met the encasing satin, the slippers with their twinkling buckles—she could not but find every detail pleasing, and her scarlet mouth, firmly shut, was twitched by a sudden clasp.

She glanced at the clock, went slowly to the door, and slowly down the big square stairway. Richard and his children were in the lower hall, and they all glanced up.

Down in the soft glow of light came Harriet, smiling as she slipped her left arm about Nina, and gave the free hand to Nina's father. She was apparently cool and self-conscious; inwardly she felt feverish, frightened and excited and happy, all at once. Richard was in evening dress, too; he looked his best; his dark hair brushed to a shining crest, and his gray eyes full of pleasure.

"Well, Miss Field," he said, a little breathlessly. "Well, your vacation hasn't done you any harm!"

"We had to make an occasion of our coming home!" Harriet said, with a nervous laugh, trying not to see the admiration in his eyes.

"You look wonderful!" Nina said. "Why, you saw this gown at Nassau!" Harriet protested.

"Louise—or whoever she was of Prussia, or whatever you call it, turned in the family vault when you walked down those stairs!" Ward said. "Oo-oo—caught you under the mistletoe—oo-oo, you, would!" he added, with an effort to envelop her in his embrace.

"Ward, behave yourself!" Harriet said, evading him, and walking toward the dining room with his grandmother, who came downstairs in her turn, and joined them.

Richard Carter watched her, the incarnation of young and beautiful womanhood. Clever he knew her to be, capable and conscientious, but tonight she was in a new role. He liked to see her there at the other end of the table; he realized that she was the center of things, here in his house, and that he had missed her.

After dinner it chanced that Bottomley called her to the telephone, and that a moment later she passed the call on to Richard.

"It's Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Carter. He didn't know that you were here, but he would rather speak to you," Harriet said. Richard went to the telephone, and as she moved to make room for him, and gave him the receiver, he had a sudden breath of the sweetness and freshness of her, of hair and young firm skin, of the rustling satin gown, and the little handkerchief that she dropped, and that he picked up for her. He smiled as he gave it, and flushed inexplicably, and his first few words to the bewildered Gardiner were a little shaken and breathless. But Richard was quite himself again an hour or two later, when he sent for Miss Field, and she came into the library.

"I needn't say that I'm entirely pleased with the way matters have gone, Harriet," said Richard, when she had seated herself on the opposite side of his big, flat desk, and looking her white hands on the shining surface, had fixed her magnificent eyes on him. "Nina seems in fine shape, and I have never seen my mother better. You seem to have a genius for managing the Carters. I'm seriously considering an offer from Gardiner; he's not to take his boy out to Nevada for his health. Ward wants to go, and would very probably like it when he got there. I hope he will try it anyhow! So that leaves Nina, who is safe enough with you, and my mother, who seems perfectly well and happy. Meanwhile, while you've been gone, we've gotten the Brazilian company well started, so that I shall have a little more freedom than I've had for years."

"You look as if you needed it," Harriet observed.

"You look wonderful," Richard returned, simply. "Wonderful! Is that a new gown?"

"Well, I had it made last November just before I went away. Mrs. Carter gave me the material a year ago," Harriet glanced down at herself and smiled.

"You might wear pearls—or something—with it," Richard said. "Do you like pearls?"

It was astonishing to see the color come up in her dusky skin; her eyes met his almost pleadingly.

"Why—I never thought!" she said, in some confusion.

"I suppose a man may ask his wife if she likes pearls?" Richard said, impelled by some feeling he did not define. He had leaned back in his chair, and half-closed his eyes, as he studied her.

"Oh—please!" Harriet said in an agony. She gave a horrified glance about, but the library was closed and silent. "Some one might hear you!" she whispered. And a moment later she rose to her feet, and eyed him quietly. "Was that all, Mr. Carter?" she asked. It was Richard's turn to look a trifle confused.

"That's all—my dear!" he said, obediently. The term made her flush.

self to one man at a time, and to nobody else, and the whole family had necessarily accepted Isabelle's attitude. Richard had been too busy to notice or protest, the old lady helpless, and Nina a child.

But now there was a beautiful and gracious woman in Isabelle's place, and long before the world knew that Harriet Field was really Harriet Carter, there was a very decided change in the social atmosphere. Richard began to bring his friends to the house; he was proud of his smoothly running establishment, and proud of the charming woman who neither flirted with nor ignored the men he brought home.

Always beautiful and always busy, constantly in demand on all sides, she went about his house like a smiling worker of miracles, and Richard watched her. When she went home to her sister for a day or two he missed her strangely, and wandered about the empty rooms with a desolate sense of loss.

She was presently back, and amused the young people at the dinner table with a spirited account of her sister's move into a new house—"really an old house," that she and her family had been watching for years.

Nina and Amy and Ward had rushed from the dinner table to an early dance at the club, and Richard, after a talk with his mother on the terrace, had wandered about with a vague hope of finding Harriet somewhere with her book. But she was not downstairs.

He went back, and presently accompanied his mother to her door. The old lady stopped outside of Nina's open door, from which a subdued light streamed.

"Oh, Miss Field—" said Madame Carter.

"Yes, Madame Carter!" The rich, ready voice responded instantly. Richard hoped she would come to the door, but his mother's message was delivered too quickly to make it necessary.

"You're waiting up for Nina?"

"Oh, yes, Madame Carter!" Harriet answered. The two exchanged good-nights; Richard loitered into his mother's room, left her in her maid's hands, and went back into the dimly lighted, spacious upper hall. He felt oddly stirred; there were letters downstairs, his usual books and amusements, but he felt curiously impelled to try for one more word with Miss Field.

He opened the door of Nina's room, and went in, and knocked on the half-open door within that connected it with Harriet's room.

"Come in. Is it you, Pilgrim?" the pleasant voice said. Richard stepped to the doorway.

Harriet, seated in a square basket chair, under the soft flood of light from a basket-shaded lamp, rose precipitately, and stood looking at him, with widened eyes and parted lips, without speaking. She was plainly frightened, though she made herself smile. The beautiful room was full of shadows; at the wide-open windows thin curtains stirred in the cool night air.

"Frighten you?" Richard said.

"Is there something?" Her eyes were those of a deer that is afraid to turn.

"Why, I wanted to suggest that we tell our little piece of news to the family," Richard suggested, after a momentary search for a suitable subject. "I came very close to telling my mother, just now. Is there any good reason for further delay?"

"Why, no, I don't—I don't suppose there is!" Harriet stammered. "There will be talk."

"I suppose so," he answered, simply. "But what we do is our own affair, after all. I shall explain to my mother that for us both it seemed a practical and as well, not unpleasant solution. There need be no change here, but you will simply have a more assured position—"

She had been watching him, with all June in her face. But as he went on the color slowly drained away, and about her beautiful eyes a look of strain and even of something like shame gradually deepened. When she spoke, it was as if the muscles of her throat were convulsed.

"Yes, I see. Certainly, I see. We will have to let them talk. This is simply the best arrangement possible under the circumstances."

"It is an arrangement that a man perhaps has no right to ask of a woman," Richard said. "Love means a great deal in a girl's life, and I suppose there is nothing else that makes up for the lack of it. But you are not an ordinary woman, and I assure you that in every way that I can I mean to prove to you how deeply I appreciate what you are doing for us all."

"Thank you!" Harriet said, almost inaudibly.

"Simply change your name on your checks," Richard said, thoughtfully. "I shall have Fox step into the bank with the authenticated signature. And if there is anything else, use your own judgment. Perhaps, if I tell my mother, you would like to write to certain friends—" You can continue to draw on the Corn Exchange, that's simplest, and I hope you'll remember that you have a large personal credit there," he added, with a smile. "It occurred to me tonight that you—your mother—let your sister worry about that new house. If you want your own car—"

"Oh, good heavens, Mr. Carter!" Harriet said, suffocating.

"Ask me anything that puzzles you," the man said. And with a brief good-night he was gone. Harriet, who had dropped back into her chair, sat absolutely motionless for a long, long time. Her eyes were fixed on space; she hardly breathed; it almost seemed as if her heart was stopped.

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"That's All—My Dear!" He Said Obediently.

CHAPTER XII.

It was the gayest spring that Harriet had ever known at Crownlands, for even at her best, Isabelle had been so socially an individualist, devoting her

